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STATE HOSTS MAPLE SUGAR EVENTS THROUGH MONTH OF MARCH

March is maple sugaring time in New England, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has several free educational and entertaining maple sugaring programs going on at state and urban parks throughout the month.

- **Brookwood Farm** in the **Blue Hills Reservation** (Milton, MA 617-698-1802) will hold *Maple Sugar Days* on March 11 & 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. It features real maple sugaring, visiting costumed characters from the past, kid's activities and more.

- **Breakheart Reservation**'s (Saugus, MA 781-233-0834) *Maple Sugarin' at Breakheart*, an event for the general public, will be held on March 18 & 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Programs for school groups will be held March 13-16 and March 20.

- **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Forest** (Goshen, MA 413-268-7098) will give interpretive tours on weekdays throughout the month of March.

- See maple sugaring demonstrations and learn how to make your own maple syrup at home at **Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park**'s (River Bend Farm, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge, 508-278-7604) maple sugaring program the first three weekends in March (4 & 5, 11 & 12, and 18 & 19) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- **Western Gateway Heritage State Park** (115 State St., Bldg 4 in North Adams, MA 413-663-6312) is hosting the special *How Sweet It Is* exhibit through April 30. The exhibit covers the history of maple sugaring in Massachusetts from Native American times to modern day, including some Native American legends about maple sugar, historical artifacts, photos, reproductions of famous artists' artwork feature a maple sugaring theme. A film on the history of maple sugaring in New England, produced by the Massachusetts Maple Association, will also be on view. The exhibit is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

For more information on individual parks, and for driving directions, see DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr.

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